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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Logistics

SUBJECT : Issuance of Supply Advisory Notices ☐

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REFERENCE : LI 1-5 dtd 6 March 1974

1. One of the missions assigned to the Supply Division (SD) is to formulate and administer policy for the operation of the Agency supply system worldwide. To fulfill that mission, there is a continuing need to disseminate information related to the administration of the system. Communication channels presently available to SD are not ideally suited to the requirement. This memorandum recommends that a series of advisory notices be initiated to improve the overall efficiency of the Agency supply system.

2. Effective response to customer requirements relies, to a great extent, on the quality of the customer's input to the supply system. The quality of the customer's input relies, in turn, on his knowledge of the system. Within the Headquarters complex, much of the information flow between SD and the customer takes place through informal conversations.

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APPROVAL:

/s/ Michael J. Malanick *

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*Approved, but please note the routing sheet comments. (attached)

SUPPLY ADVISORY NOTICE

STOCK NUMBER CODE

Scratching your head over the new stock numbers appearing on your edited requisitions? And the number 5915-00-T02-4579 doesn't fit into the sequence you're accustomed to using for supply transactions? Then, maybe you're not aware of recent changes in our stock number codes.

As of 30 September 1974, the old Federal Stock Number (FSN) was replaced by a 13-digit National Stock Number (NSN). FSN's have been converted to NSN's by inserting a two-digit country code between the Federal Supply (FSC) and the Federal Item Identification Number (FIIN):

New NSN	FSC	NIIN
	1234	- 00-567-8901

Old FSN	FSC	FIIN
	1234	- 567-8901

With the addition of the two-digit country code, the FIIN becomes the National Item Identification Number (NIIN). The U.S. country codes are 00 and 01.

Within the Organization's Inventory Control System, alphabetic characters are used in the seventh digit of the NSN to identify items cataloged internally. Four significant alphabetic indicators are currently in use.

T Signifies an item under temporary management consideration for inclusion as a more permanently cataloged stock item. For example, 6815-00-T02-7783.

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H Signifies a nonpeculiar item not cataloged in the Federal Supply System, but that is a standard item within the Organization system. An H number can apply while an item is being cataloged by DSA or it can apply indefinitely if a request for DSA cataloging is considered unwarranted. For example, 8315-00-H00-5564.

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W Signifies a "wash" number used to process uncataloged items through the supply system on a one-time basis. Wash numbers used on customer requisitions will consist of the FSC and NSN country code, followed by either W00-0000 for expendable items or W11-1111 for nonexpendable items. The wash number itself is not unique to an item and does not relate back to a specific item. Personnel should note that the use of nonsequential numbers (only W00-0000 and W11-1111 will be assigned) does not permit the use of wash numbers in lieu of locally assigned stock numbers.

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